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REVENUE (1948) Department.

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G.O. No. 1298

Dated 29—3—1948.

[Despatch Abstract.]

IRRIGATION - Minor - Establishment - Maistries - Pay - Revision of scales - Sanctioned.

Revenue Department.

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Subject.

IRRIGATION - Minor - Establishment - Maistries - Pay - Revision of scale - Proposals.

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Station, Madras. Ref.G.4813/47-3. Dated 25th March 1948.

From C.A.Ramakrishnan, Esq., I.C.S., Joint Secretary..
V.N.Kudva, Esq., C.I.E., I.C.S., Commissioner of Land Revenue, Excise & Prohibition.

Read: From the Collector of Anantapur Rc.No.11393/47 B1 dated 23-7-1947.
From the Chief Engineer (Irrigation) U.O.No.5963/47 AEP, dated 18-2-1948.

Reference:--

Submitted to the Government.

According to item No.37 in Appx. 7 of the Madras Financial Code Vol.II skilled and unskilled labourers are entitled to be paid out of contingencies, up to Rs.28/- and Rs.15/- p.m. respectively. As conditions now have much changed and labour has become very costly, the Collector of Anantapur considers that a revision of the rates of pay, admissible under the above rule, is necessary. He suggests that the pay of the skilled and unskilled labourers may be fixed at Rs.50/- and Rs.30/- p.m. respectively, as a temporary measure, till the rates of wages come to the normal level. His proposal was referred to select Collectors (~~Vizagapatam the~~ Collectors of Vizagapatam, East Godavari Cuddapah and Tinnevelly) for their remark. All these Collectors agree with the Collector of Anantapur, that there is necessity for the revision of rates of pay admissible to the skilled and unskilled labourers under appendix 7 of the Madras Financial Code Vol.II. The Collectors of Cuddapah and West Godavari support the proposal of the Collector of Anantapur to raise the pay of the skilled and unskilled labourers to Rs.50/- and Rs.30/- p.m. respectively. The Collector of Tinnevelly says that all M.I.Maistries are not technically qualified and are unskilled employees and that their pay may therefore be fixed at Rs.30/- p.m. excluding the D.A. of Rs.16 p.m. while the Collector of East Godavari is of the opinion that the pay of P.W.D. shhedule of rates obtaining in his district. In Vizagapatam District the local rates of pay of a skilled labourer ranges from Rs.1-8-0 to Rs.1-12-0 per day and that of an unskilled labourer from Rs.0-12-0 to Rs.1/- per day. The Collector considers that the pay of a skilled labourer may be fixed at Rs.45/- p.m. and that of an unskilled labourer at Rs.25/- p.m. with reference to the prevailing market rates. The Chief Engineer (Irrigation) who was also consulted by the Board generally agrees that it is necessary to enhance the pay fixed for skilled and unskilled labour in the Madras Financial Code. He suggests that the rate of pay of a skilled labourer may be fixed at Rs.35/- p.m. and that of the unskilled labourer at Rs.20/- p.m. considering the observations and the recommendations of the Central Pay Commission in regard to the payment of labour employed by the Civil departments.

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3. The Board considers that one of the main reasons for the slack progress in the execution of Irrigation works in the province is low Government rates allowed to labourers, in disproportion to the existing local rates. There is a very grave dearth of labour in villages at present, as the labourers are either attracted by the higher rates of wages prevailing in towns near by or are employed by private agencies who pay them decent wages. The Board thinks that in the interests of rural development, the rates of pay admissible to labourers, both skilled and unskilled, under Item No.37 of appendix 7 of Madras Financial Code Vol.II have to be suitably raised in proportion to the existing local rates. In the circumstances it recommends that the rates of pay of the skilled and unskilled labourers may be raised from Rs.28/- and Rs.15/- p.m. to Rs.20/- and Rs.35/- p.m. respectively and requests that the Government may be pleased to issue the necessary amendment to the appendix 7 of the Madras Financial Code Vol.II (Item No.37).

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or Joint Secretary.

To the Secretary to Government,
Revenue Department.

Copy of the letter No.11393/47-B.1, dated 23-7-47 from the Collector of Anantapur.

Sub: Irrigation - Minor - Pay of Maistries - Enhancement of the scale proposals - Submitted.

Maistries employed for supervision of Minor Irrigation Works in this district are being paid at Rs.20/- and dearness allowance, Rs.16/- per month. According to the revised schedule of P.W.D., rates for 1947-48 the scale of pay is Rs.40/- to Rs.70/- excluding dearness allowance.

2. As the conditions now have much changed and labour has become too costly revision of the rates of pay admissible under Madras Financial Code II Appendix 7 is necessary. The rates of pay of both unskilled and skilled labourers may not be enhanced permanently but they require revision as a temporary measure till the rates of wages come to the normal level.

3. I request that the Board may be pleased to recommend to Government to fix the rates of pay of skilled and unskilled labourer at Rs.50/- and Rs.30/- per month respectively. Early orders are solicited.

Copy of the Chief Engineer (Irrigation) U.O.No.5963/47 AEP, dated 18th February 1948.

I generally agree that it is necessary to enhance the pay fixed for skilled and unskilled labour in M.F.Code. As regards the revised pay proposed by the Board, I would like to point out that the basic pay of peons and workcharged establishment in the P.W.D. such as Lascars, Mile Collies, Bankmen etc. is now fixed at a minimum of Rs.16/- (16-½-25) and it would appear anamalous that unskilled labour who are paid out of "contingencies should be higher. I would therefore suggest that the pay of the unskilled labourer may be fixed monthly at Rs.20/-.

As regards the skilled, under which "Maistries" in the Revenue Department would seem to have been classified I have to state that similar maistries borne on the P.W.D. workcharged establishment are paid at rates varying from Rs.30/- Rs.50/- I suggest that the rate of pay to skilled labour may be fixed at Rs.35/-. In suggesting these rates, I have taken into consideration also the observations and the recommendations of the Central pay Commission in regard to the payment of labour employed by the Civil Departments.

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GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS.
Abstract.

IRRIGATION - Minor - Establishment - Maistries - Pay - Revision of scales - Sanctioned.

REVENUE DEPARTMENT.

G.O.Ms.No.1295. Dated 29th May 1948.

Read: From the Board of Revenue, Ref. G.4813/47-3, dated 25-3-1948.

ORDER:

The Government accept the recommendation of the Board of Revenue and direct that the pay of the skilled and unskilled labourers in the Minor Irrigation Establishment be raised from Rs.28 and Rs.15 to Rs.35/- and Rs.20/- per mensem, respectively. These rates exclude the Dearness Allowance.

2. Necessary amendment to Appendix 7 of Madras Financial Code Volume II will be issued separately by the Finance Department.

BY ORDER OF HIS EXCELLENCY THE GOVERNOR.

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Secretary to Government.

To the Board of Revenue.
To the Finance Department.
To the Accountant General, through Finance Department.
To the Public Works Department.

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GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS.
FINANCE DEPARTMENT.
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MEMORANDUM NO.34841 Exp.A-2, dated 30th June 1948.

Sub: Madras Financial Code, Volume II - Menials paid from contingencies - Labourers of the Minor Irrigation Establishment - Revision of scales of pay - Amendment - Issued.

Ref: G.O.Ms.No.1295 Rev., dated 29th May 1948.

The following amendment to the Madras Financial Code, Volume II ~~xxxxxx~~ is issued:-

Appendix 7 Item 37, Menials paid from contingencies.

Add the following as note 6 under rule (1):-

"Note 6:- The maximum rate of pay of an unskilled and a skilled labourer in the Minor Irrigation Establishment will be Rs.20 per mensem and Rs.35 per mensem respectively".

N.L.Ranganatham Pillai,
Assistant Secretary to Government.

To the Accountant General, Madras.
To the Board of Revenue.
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